

REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Schnizer for the informal telephonic interview with the undersigned on April 7, 2004. In the interview, the Examiner pointed out that the above-identified application contained nucleic acid sequences greater than 9 bases, and therefore was not in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821-1.825.

Accordingly, in response to the telephonic interview on April 7, 2004, and the interview summary dated April 8, 2004, the specification and claim 12 have been amended to insert sequence identifier numbers for nucleic acid sequences greater than 9 bases. In addition, submitted herewith is a paper copy and computer readable form of the Sequence Listing in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821-1.825. *No new matter has been added.*

Any amendments to and/or cancellation of the claims should in no way be construed as acquiescence to any of the rejections and was done solely to expedite the prosecution of the application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the claims as originally filed or as previously pending in this or a separate application(s).

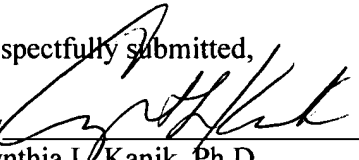
CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 12-0080, under Order No. CCI-005USRCE from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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